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1. WE STILL AWAITING DETAILED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED
PARA 5 REF FROM EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. FOLLOWING SUBMITTED
AS INTERIM RESPONSE (PARAS CORRESPOND TO REFTEL).

(A) HOST GOVT AGENCIES HAVE NO TRAINING PROGRAM CONCERNED
WITH NARCOTICS PER SE. ONLY NARCOTICS TRAINING CONDUCTED
BY EGYPTIANS IS 15-DAY COURSE TAUGHT BY AFCTI-NARCOTICS AD-
MINISTRATION (ANA) FOR ITS NEWLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL. POLICE
ACADEMY INVESTIGATION COURSE IS GENERAL IN SCOPE, INCLUDING
NARCOTICS AS PART OF NORMAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION STUDIES.

(B) NO OTHER NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM IS OPERATED EITHER
BY ANA OR OTHER AGENCIES IN EGYPT.

(C) GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITIES INCLUDE POLICE
ACADEMY, OFFICERS TRAINING INSTITUTE, WARRANT OFFICER TRAIN-
ING INSTITUTE, AND INSTITUE FOR MILITARY IN CIVIL OPERATIONS.

(D) INSTRUCTORS IN THESE FACILITIES HAVE NO SPECIFIC NAR-
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COTICS TRAINING BEYOND ANY EXPERIENCE THEY MAY HAVE GAINED

IN SERVICE WITH ANA. CAPABILITIES FOR NARCOTICS INSTRUCTION
ARE MINIMAL.

(E) NARCOTICS TRAINING WITH SPECIAL ANA COURSE HAS BEEN PROVIDED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY BY USG. FORTY FIVE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN, OR CURRENTLY ARE, RECEIVING DEA IN COUNTRY TRAINING; ELEVEN HAVE ATTENDED DEA ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS COURSE IN WASHINGTON. FOUR CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE ALSO RECEIVED CUSTOMS/NARCOTICS TRAINING IN WASHINGTON.

(F) RESULTS OF TRAINING IN TERMS OF SEIZURES OR ARRESTS IN EGYPT IS STILL MINIMAL. WE WOULD EXPECT EFFECTS TO BE FELT IN THE FUTURE AS THOSE ALREADY TRAINED ARE ABLE TO IMPART ACQUIRED TECHNIQUES TO THEIR COLLEAGUES AND AS OTHER OFFICERS RECEIVE USG TRAINING. ONE APPARENT RESULT, HOWEVER, IS INCREASED ANA ATTENTION TO COOPERATION WITH US ON INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT.

(G) ANA BELIEVES GOE WOULD ACCEPT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP ITS OWN ENFORCED TRAINING CAPABILITY, BUT ANA CONSIDERS MOMENT PREMATURE. IN ANA VIEW, SUFFICIENT CADRE OF WELL-TRAINED OFFICERS FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES IS FIRST PRIORITY. MUCH WOULD ALSO DEPEND ON USG ABILITY TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH EGYPTIANS WOULD NEED TO CONDUCT THEIR OWN TRAINING.

(H) IN EMBASSY VIEW, BEST APPROACH WOULD BE COMBINATION OF IN-COUNTRY TRAINING, FOLLOWED BY ADVANCE TRAINING IN US, AND SUBSEQUENT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SAME TRAINEES AS INSTRUCTORS IN EGYPT. DEMONSTRATION LECTURES WOULD BE USEFUL PART OF PROCESS, IN OUR ESTIMATION.

(I) EGYPTIANS HAVE NO CURRENT CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT EFFECTIVE REGIONAL TRAINING. THEY DO, HOWEVER, CONDUCT SUBSTANTIAL GENERAL POLICE TRAINING FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO EXTEND THIS TO NARCOTICS ONCE THEIR OWN ARE CAPABILITIES DEVELOPED.

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